THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Wednesday, 23rd March 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Merger of Kurunthudaiyarpuram with Palayamkottai Municipality.

* 1504 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to merge Kurunthudaiyarpuram in Melapālayam Municipality with Palayamkottai Municipality ;

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter stands at present; and

(*c*) for how long the proposal has been pending?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Preliminary notifications as required under section 4 (1) (*b*) and (*c*) of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, have been published for the receipt of objections, if any.

" (*c*) The proposal has been pending with Government since May 1954."

Araniyar Project.

* 1677 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons who are to be dispossessed on account of the execution of the Araniyar Project ; and

(*b*) the scheme of the Government to rehabilitate those that are to be dispossessed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) The population affected by the execution of the Araniyar Project in both the Chingleput district of this State and the Chittoor district of the Andhra State is 3,800.

" (*b*) The rehabilitation proposals cover (i) provision of house-sites, lands for agricultural purposes, irrigation channel from the reservoir and drinking water wells, grant of takavi loans

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and subsidy for sinking wells for irrigation, supply of seeds, timber tree plants, bulls, manure and fodder and other amenities required for displaced persons. The proposals are under the consideration of the Collector. He will soon be inspecting the sites jointly with the concerned departmental heads so that the scheme may be finalized without undue delay. The Special Deputy Collector has so far paid a sum of Rupees 41,237-1-6 towards compensation and the Collector has promised to see that payment of compensation is made without delay."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, in the areas affected by the lower Bhavani Project, house-building materials were sold at one-fourth price. In this case also, I understand that the trees in the areas acquired which are in possession of the tenants are to be auctioned. Will the Government give the same concession or at least confine the bidding of the trees to the persons affected by this acquisition? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" All concessions that were given in respect of compensated articles would be given so far as this area is concerned. The question of giving the trees at concessional rates is also being considered."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" Sir, there was some trouble in getting some lands on the border area from the Andhra State. Have Government succeeded in getting those lands by negotiating with the Andhra Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir, it has been settled."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, does the Hon. Minister intend visiting the locality to ascertain at first hand the conditions there and the steps necessary to rehabilitate the people who are affected? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir. I visited the locality last Sunday."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister that the dispute with regard to getting lands from the Andhra peasants in the Chittoor district has been amicably settled, may I know whether the compensation rate that was fixed before the State was partitioned was at one level and whether the peasants in the Chittoor district have clamoured for a different rate? If so, did our Government succumb to their agitation and did our Government pay a higher rate of compensation now? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, this relates to Araniyar Project; not to the border areas of which the hon. Member has been thinking."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister is trying to confuse the question. I am only referring to the Araniyar Project and not to the border areas. The Araniyar Project, if it is executed, will submerge some lands belonging to the peasants living in the Andhra area in Chittoor district and these lands have got to be purchased by the Madras Government. What is the rate of compensation that is to be paid to them? Was it fixed at one level before the Andhra State was formed and did the peasants there agitate, after the Andhra State was formed, through their Cabinet? Did our Government succumb to that agitation and pay higher rates? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, I would like to have notice."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, is the Araniyar Project closely and physically connected with the border areas? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir. One or two villages of the Andhra State will be submerged."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the problem of rehabilitation was, to some extent, satisfactorily settled in connexion with the Lower Bhavani Project. May I know whether the facilities and concessions afforded to displaced persons in that area will be extended to persons of this area also? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir, that is the idea."

Rural dispensary at Nileshwar.

*1555 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) When the rural dispensary at Nileshwar in South Kanara was opened; and

(*b*) when it was closed and why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 5th June 1954.

" (*b*) 1st August 1954; the rural medical practitioner resigned. The dispensary is functioning again from 24th February 1955."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, may I know why there was such a long delay to post another doctor in the vacancy caused by the resignation of the first doctor? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The question must be addressed to the concerned district board, Sir. No satisfactory arrangements were made for housing the dispensary. The previous doctor resigned. The dispensary was located in his own house and had to be closed."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, why was this dispensary opened in June 1954 and closed in August 1954 and what were the reasons? Was any arrangement made thereafter for giving medical relief to the people of the area concerned? "